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Advisory Group on IT Integration

Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday,
September 8, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Advisory Group on IT Integration was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 in Room A-B at the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The chairman, Senator Mike Michot, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The chairman called the roll and the following was noted:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Mike Michot
Commissioner Angle Davis
Patrick Thompson
Della Bonnette

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

J. W. Wiley, Coordinator
Cheryl Horne, Attorney
Yvette Guilbeau, Secretary
Jay Lueckel, Budget Analyst
Evan Brasseaux, Education Section Director
Michael Boutte, Sr. Auditor

WITNESSES:

Michael Bridges, DOTD

Sylvia Vaught, DOA - LA Gov

III. DISCUSSION:

Senator Mike Michot, Chairman, introduced the members and staff on the Advisory Group and explained the overview of this advisory group. He further explained that Senator Donahue authored legislation that was signed by the governor to set up this commission on streamlining government.

He stated that this advisory group would be hearing from various government entities and agencies to see what is going on in the different areas of government and that the committee will also be hearing from the private sector. Presentations will be given on products and services they feel could help the state to become more efficient in areas of information technology. Some agencies are working with other states across the nation and will have specific days set up for private sector vendors to explain their success in streamlining.

Sen. Michot asked that J. W. Wiley, Coordinator go over the time line for the committee members. He stated the meetings will be set for September 24, 2009, October 6, 2009, October 20, 2009, November 3, 2009 and November 17, 2009. He also explained that by December 15, 2009 the commission will need to have the final report.

A powerpoint presentation was given by Sylvia Vaught, DOA-LA Gov office of Information Technology for the state. She explains what the state is doing as far as the LAGov Project. A handout of the presentation was given to the members. She explains to the members how the project is successfully being implemented and how it has improved administrative business performance and reporting. She explains each section of the project starting with the Enterprise Resources Planning, Fragmented Data, Limited Functionality and Cumbersome Business Processes, DOTD System Weaknesses, Obsolete and unsupported technology, Project Goals and Objectives, Technology Solutions, Project Vision and Business Process improvements.

For more detailed information about the LAGov Project you can request a copy of the presentation handout.

Concluding the presentation Senator Michot ask about the ISIS system. Ms. Vaught states it is the umbrella name that was given and stands for Integrated Statewide Information System. It was given to the systems that were implemented in the 1990's and is now referred to as human resources.

She explains the different systems that will be replaced by the central system. Senator Michot asks about the pool vehicles and GPS tracking devices and states that one of the private vendors will be presenting to the members on how much can be saved in fuel by having tracking devices on state vehicles. Ms. Vaught explains that right now they have

basically schedule preventive maintenance and manage basic information on the states fleets.

Senator Michot asked why higher education is not part of the system. Mr. Thompson asks about the saving coming from the legacy system and are they losing programmers over a course of time and will eventually be fading away.

Ms. Vaught explains that there are savings in some of the hardware and software and are already in place with the legacy systems. She further explains that the legacy system will stay at six to twelve months and after that they will go live like their accounting system. They did do other savings and worked with DOTD to come up with people who were doing what was needed to be done with the system software. She states that the bottom line is they didn't justify the project with how much money it would save the state. The project was justified on the value of having accurate information which they did not have before. What they did show was the cost to operate the system.

Commissioner Davis asks that a presentation be given on state wide policy and procedures and the directions that the state is going in checking of duplications. She explains that they are in the process of moving away from individual email systems to one consolidated email system. She states that three agencies have already been put on state wide emails since the administration has come into office.

Mr. Thompson has one last question and it is concerning the ERP time line. Ms. Vaught explains that this is a huge project but is not concerned about the time line and that it will bring about great changes with this project.

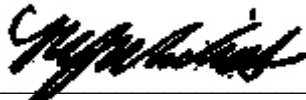
Ms. Della Bonnette has a question concerning the training of staff that already exist out there and is an important component for the project to work. She also wanted to know if it had been factored into the IBM partners training. Ms. Vaught explains the strategy of training will be a lot of web base training as well as instructor led training. She states that the state is on the hook for the training and IBM is responsible for developing the training and that the actual delivery of the training will be the state's responsibility.

Senator Michot ends the meeting thanking Ms. Vaught and Mr. Bridges for their hard work. Mr. Wiley states that the next meeting for the committee will be September 24, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Mike Michot made a motion to adjourn without objection. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Date Approved
September 24, 2009



Senator Mike Michot
Chairman